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With the exception of U.S. Patents, copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial and return the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute prior art. If it should be determined that the listed documents constitute prior art under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

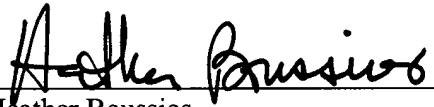
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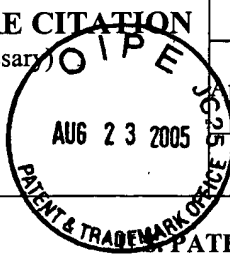
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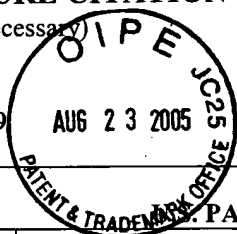
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